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For: 2-PYRIDONE DERIVATIVES AS
NEUTROPHIL ELASTASE INHIBITORS
AND THEIR USE

Examiner: Z. N. Davis

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The applications shown in the table below are possibly technically related to the present application:

U.S. Application Publication No. 2006/0270666
U.S. Application Publication No. 2006/0035938
U.S. Application Publication No. 2007/0010551
U.S. Application Publication No. 2007/0043036
U.S. Application Publication No. 2009/0131486

Applicants note that the references listed in the translation column of the attached Form PTO SB/08 are English-language counterparts from the same family of applications as the non-English foreign patent documents listed therein, but may not necessarily be their English-language equivalents.

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No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 15652-08500-US, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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